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"To provide for all, the quality of service we expect
for ourselves and our families."

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Welcome

Thank you for considering Kiddiwinkles Care & Learning Centre for your childcare needs. We understand how important this decision is for you as a parent and we would like to reassure you that our team of knowledgeable, dedicated and friendly staff will help you every step of the way and they will be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

We have taken everything into consideration when you are looking for a high quality setting:

- Highly experienced management team.
- Staff qualified to a minimum of level 2 (Childcare Level 2)
- Safe, secure and clean facilities
- We work in partnership with parents
- Child led learning and play environment
- Strong outdoor ethos
- Open from 7.00am - 6.00pm



Aims & Values

To offer the highest quality care to children from 6 weeks to 5 years.

To provide a safe, stimulating and clean environment for all children.

To provide flexible childcare at times that suit the parent / carer.

To help children learn through play.

To identify and respond appropriately to each child's individual needs.

To provide opportunities for children to explore and develop.

To build relationships with parents to ensure the child's routine is adhered too.

To support parents with their role as the child's first educator, through mutual respect and understanding.

To encourage each child to be creative and imaginative.

To ensure staff always deliver the highest quality of care and are kept up to date with the latest training techniques.

About Us

Kiddiwinkles
was founded in 2003
by Jill Hessin -
who still leads
the business
today.

Our childcare centres are unique. We aim to inspire positive early childhood experiences through excellent care and education in a safe, fun-filled natural environment.

Our ethos focuses on respect for the children within our care, families or guardians, staff and the community. We offer a calming nurturing environment indoors as well as natural outdoor learning spaces. Our environments are natural and stimulating with open-ended materials where children can engage in real tasks through sensory driven play.



We are passionate about helping children reach their full potential, respecting their individual needs and valuing families. At Kiddiwinkles children will feel a sense of belonging with a voice where they can take ownership of their experiences through decision making, problem solving, exploring, investigating. We promote holistic development where each child is respected as an individual and we focus on their interests and well being to develop learning through play.



Learning & Development

At Kiddiwinkles learning is led through your child's spontaneous play.

Our broad curriculum ensures:

- Children learn through play
- Providers work closely with parents
- You are kept up to date on your child's progress
- The welfare, learning and all-round development of children with different backgrounds and levels of ability, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

The framework was revised to make it clearer and easier to use, with more focus on the things that matter the most. This new framework also has a greater emphasis on your role in helping your child develop.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 keys areas of learning and development.

Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first:

- **Communication and Language**
- **Physical Development**
- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As your child grows, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. Our staff who are teaching and supporting your child will make sure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs. This is a little bit like a curriculum in primary schools, but it's designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.

Children learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.





Observations

Our team are continuously carrying out observations in the setting which are all shared through our online app. They highlight areas where your child is progressing well and anywhere they might need some extra help or support.

You'll have the opportunity to share any progression you notice away from the setting through the app.

You can also request a care plan meeting at any time where we discuss how we can best meet your child's needs.

Partnership with Parents

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and should be centrally involved in their child's experiences and development.

Effective communication means a two-way flow of information, knowledge and expertise between parents and staff. Staff is always available to give feedback about your child's day and talk about significant events with you.

Primary Care Person

Research has shown that a Primary Care Person approach is the most effective way of ensuring that children develop a strong relationship with a significant adult in the nursery.


- The Primary Care Person approach gives every child the reassurance to feel secure and cared for, helping them to become familiar with the nursery environment and to feel confident and safe within it.
- The Primary Care Person meets the needs of each child in their care and responds sensitively to their feelings, ideas and behaviour.
- A Primary Care person (member of staff) is assigned to your child to ensure that they are engaging in the right kind of activities for your child. This helps to plan future experiences and opportunities to build your child's knowledge, skills and abilities which will lead to new learning and development

Transition to school

It's a huge progression moving from nursery to school and we want to ensure that this is as smooth as possible for you and your child.

We work closely with the local schools and the extended community throughout your child's time with us to ensure we make that transition as smooth as possible when the time comes.

Please feel free to ask a member of staff for a copy of our Transition to School policy.



Mixed Age Play

Mixed age play offers opportunities for learning and development not present in play among children of the same age.

Research shows that mixing of children of different ages in early childhood centres has many advantages. It has an impact on a child's cognitive, social and emotional development. When two year olds play with five year olds they use more complex forms of symbolic play or pretending.

Mixed age play can enlarge a child's vocabulary and their ability to empathise. A mixed age environment has a very stimulative effect on infants particularly. They can learn various social and cognitive skills from imitating preschool children, even from just watching them play and interact. The behaviour/play of older children offers role models for the younger children who receive more emotional support from older children than they would from children their own age.



Mixed age play also permits older children to learn by teaching and to develop their leadership skills. There doesn't even have to be a big age difference in order to see the benefits. Four year olds can raise the level of play for three year olds. Toddlers with older playmates in mixed age groups score higher in language, cognitive and motor development than toddlers in otherwise similar age segregated groups – measured by the Battelle development Inventory.

At Kiddiwinkles Care and Learning Centres we celebrate the value of mixed age play, offering opportunities to children whenever we can – it's a wonderful time for siblings to meet, play together and share emotional support during their day.

We are influenced by the

Pikler Approach

The Pikler approach is based on a respectful relationship between an adult and infant, through choreographed tender care moments, a naturally paced motor development, free self-directed movement and uninterrupted play.

For further information visit www.pikler.co.uk



Primary Care

Primary care giving is a process in which practitioners are focused on enabling close attachments, particularly with under two's.

Practitioners have responsibility for establishing and maintaining close relationships with a small group of children and their families. There is an understanding that valuable learning is taking place for the infant in the crucial routine care times in which they are engaged with one sensitive and responsive adult.

We are influenced by both the Pikler approach and inspired by the Reggio approach to early childcare learning.



Parental Communication



Good communication with parents is essential. At Kiddiwinkles we use the **Family** app to ensure you are kept to to date with your child's daily routine. Our parents get a notification every time we update the app with meal or sleep times during the day and can even send messages directly to staff members in their child's room.



Benefits to you

- See photos, videos, and daily updates of your child
- View updates on nappy changes, food intake & sleep
- Receive important messages and notifications
- Update contacts and key child information
- Respond to parental permission requests
- Report days off from home
- Free to use

To find out more about the app please visit www.family.co

Our Guarantees to You

- ✓ We will work with you for as long as needed to ensure your child is fully settled into the nursery.
- ✓ Your child will be safe, secure and cared for by all of our team.
- ✓ They will be treated as an individual.
- ✓ Your opinions and values will always be listened to.
- ✓ Our staff will always be friendly and prepared to go the extra mile.
- ✓ Your child's progress will always be documented.
- ✓ Your child's best interests will always be our top priority.

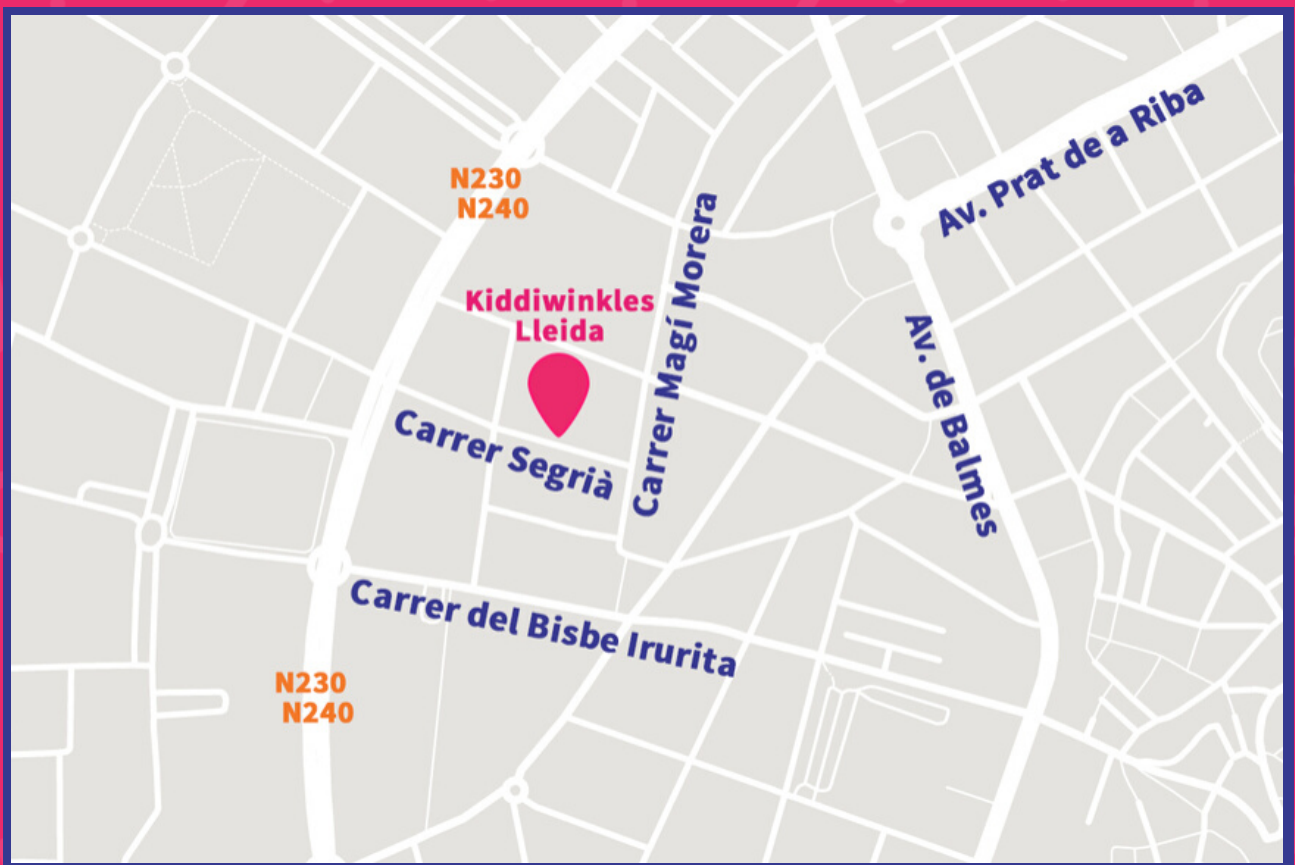
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